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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants  
disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,807,291, inventors Larson et al., issued September 15, 1998;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,596,728, inventors Yang et al., issued June 24, 1986;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,245,065, inventor Peters, issued January 13, 1981;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,513,654, inventor Delson, issued May 7, 1996;
5. U.S. Patent No. 2,438,901, inventor Cox, issued April 6, 1948;
6. U.S. Patent No. 3,022,543, inventors Baird, Jr. et al., issued February 27, 1962;
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,187,360, inventor Peters, issued February 5, 1980;
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,728,290, inventors Eisner et al., issued March 1, 1988;
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,816,094, inventors Pomplun et al., issued March 28, 1989;
10. U.S. Patent No. 4,817,593, inventors Taller et al., issued April 4, 1989;
11. U.S. Patent No. 4,829,991, inventor Boeck, issued May 16, 1989;
12. U.S. Patent No. 4,855,169, inventors McGlothlin et al., issued August 8, 1989;
13. U.S. Patent No. 4,869,723, inventor Harmon, issued September 26, 1989;

14. U.S. Patent No. 4,955,392, inventor Sorkin, issued September 11, 1990;
15. U.S. Patent No. 4,964,416, inventors Foldesy et al., issued October 23, 1990;
16. U.S. Patent No. 5,014,361, inventor Gray, issued May 14, 1991;
17. U.S. Patent No. 4,981,147, inventor Barnett, issued January 1, 1991;
18. U.S. Patent No. 5,036,863, inventor Wheeler, issued August 6, 1991;
19. U.S. Patent No. 5,094,250, inventor Hessel, issued March 10, 1992;
20. U.S. Patent No. 5,176,152, inventor Wheeler, issued January 5, 1993;
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23. U.S. Patent No. 5,335,675, inventors Wheeler et al., issued August 9, 1994;
24. U.S. Patent No. 5,351,698, inventors Wheeler et al., issued October 4, 1994;
25. U.S. Patent No. 5,360,590, inventor Wheeler, issued November 1, 1994;
26. U.S. Patent No. 5,391,343, inventors Dreibelbis et al., issued February 21, 1995;
27. U.S. Patent No. 5,407,715, inventors Buddenhagen et al., issued April 18, 1995;
28. U.S. Patent No. 5,409,016, inventor Bloodsaw, issued April 25, 1995;
29. U.S. Patent No. 5,458,936, inventors Miller et al., issued October 17, 1995;
30. U.S. Patent No. 5,469,863, inventor Shah, issued November 28, 1995;
31. U.S. Patent No. 5,526,823, inventors Wheeler et al., issued June 18, 1996;
32. U.S. Patent No. 3,129,996, inventor Locher, issued April 1964;
33. U.S. Patent No. 3,812,224, inventors Smith et al., issued May 1974;
34. U.S. Patent No. 3,883,459, inventor Kent, issued May 1975;
35. U.S. Patent No. 4,891,409, inventors Kuan et al., issued January 1990;
36. U.S. Patent No. 5,182,333, inventors Powers et al., issued January 1993;
37. U.S. Patent No. 5,189,110, inventors Ikematu et al., issued February 1993;
38. U.S. Patent No. 5,658,526, inventors Rastogi et al., issued August 1997;
39. U.S. Patent No. 5,799,333, inventors McGarry et al., issued September 1998;
40. European Patent Application No. 276,128, published July 27, 1988;
41. European Patent Application No. 668,060, published August 23, 1995;
42. German Patent Application No. 29700260U1, published March 6, 1997 (with translation);
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44. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-47069, published February 22, 1994 (with translation);
45. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-330023, published December 19, 1995 (with translation);
46. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-1188470, published May 14, 1996 (with translation);
47. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-142272, published June 4, 1996 (with translation);
48. "No Such Thing as Safe Sex," *The Oregonian*, Nov. 23, 1991, p. B07; and

49. English translation of Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2-297590, published June 18, 1992.

Copies of the foregoing documents are not being provided with this paper since all of these documents are of record in U.S.S.N. 08/907,100, of which the present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120. These documents are, however, listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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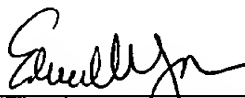
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